

HOUSE RESOLUTION 182
By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Suzanne J. Shinn, on her selection as the 1997 Tennessee Teacher of the Year at Inskip Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary teachers who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne J. Shinn is one such remarkable person, a voice of integrity in education; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne J. Shinn has recently been selected Teacher of the Year by Inskip Elementary, an honor most befitting her meritorious service to education and her devotion to the children she teaches; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shinn received her bachelor's degree from Mary Washington College and did her graduate work at the University of Virginia, the University of Tennessee and Appalachian State University; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne J. Shinn has served her students with enthusiasm, industry and singular acumen as a K-5 music teacher for 6 remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 Teacher of the Year is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates her students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, the award-winning music teacher is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her, and she is tremendously admired by students and fellow teachers alike; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne J. Shinn has received numerous awards and honors, including the 1994 21st Century Classroom Teacher, the 1995 Knoxville's Best Chamber of Commerce Awards finalist and the 1989 Tennessee Arts Academy Award; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne J. Shinn has a commitment to the family, school and community; she believes these three entities must work together to empower students to become lifelong learners and contributors to their world; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne is actively involved in the community and the church; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Suzanne is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Suzanne J. Shinn on being chosen as the 1997 Tennessee Teacher of the Year at Inskip Elementary School. We commend her meritorious service to education, salute her expertise and dedication as an instructor, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.